



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Christina Mahoney
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 25 Return: June 1  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Pristina, Kosovo Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Atlantic Council of the United States (The Atlantic Council)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: meetings with government officials and civil society members in Kosovo, Albania, Serbia, and Montenegro. Also attended the To Be Secure Forum
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
  - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments, **and** the Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box:** ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Christina Mahoney Date: 6/13/19

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Emanuel Cleaver Date: 6/13/19

Signature of Supervising Member: Emanuel Cleaver



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Atlantic Council Of the United States ("The Atlantic Council")
2. Travel Destination(s): Pristina, Kosovo; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budva, Montenegro
3. Date of Departure: May 27, 2019 Date of Return: June 1, 2019
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Christina Mahoney  
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2711.07	\$866.88	\$375.16	\$82.83 (airport transfers-Dulles)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Julie Varghese Date: June 12, 2019

Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Organization: The Atlantic Council of the United States

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:** ☒

Address: 1030 15th St. NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202 599 8637 Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Christina Mahoney
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Atlantic Council (with Rockefeller Brothers Fund as Grantmaking trip sponsor)
3. Travel Destination(s): Pristina & Prizren, Kosovo; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budva, Montenegro
4. a. Date of Departure: May 25 Date of Return: June 1  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
As Legislative Director for Congressman Cleaver and the responsible staff member for his foreign policy portfolio and the Congressional Serbian Caucus, the trip will enhance my knowledge of the region and help me better advise the Congressman on issues related to the Balkans.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date

4/25/19



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Atlantic Council of the United States (Atlantic Council)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent.  
Signify that the statement is true by checking box: ☒
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: ☐ **OR**
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: ☐ **OR**
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Rockefeller Brothers Fund
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
See point 4 on additional pages
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: May 25 Date of Return: June 1
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Pristina & Prizren, Kosovo; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budva, Montenegro;  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ **OR**
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ **OR**
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ **OR**
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐ If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:* ☒
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒ **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education: ☐
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
See point 12 on additional pages  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒  
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): See point 15 on additional pages  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See point 15 on additional pages  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hotel Nartel City: Pristina Cost Per Night: \$ 78  
Reason(s) for Selecting: See point 16 on additional pages
- Hotel Name: The Plaza City: Tirana Cost Per Night: \$160  
Reason(s) for Selecting: See point 16 on additional pages
- Hotel Name: The Metropole Palace City: Belgrade Cost Per Night: \$140  
Reason(s) for Selecting: See point 16 on additional pages
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2,900 (transatlantic and 2 regional flights, 1 bus trip)	\$1,200 (requests for group rates pending)	\$560
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$120	Airport transfers to and from Dulles International Airport in Washington D.C.
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

19. Check only one:

a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: ☒ OR

b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Julie Varghese Date: April 21, 2019

Name: Julie Varghese

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Organization: The Atlantic Council of the United States

Address: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington D.C. 20005

Telephone: 202 864 2807

Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

**Committee on Ethics**

U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Rockefeller Brothers Fund  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Atlantic Council
3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
  - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR
  - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check only one:
  - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
  - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Nancy Muirhead Date: April 18, 2019

Name: Nancy Muirhead Title: Corporate Secretary

Organization: Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Address: 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 900, New York, NY 10115

Telephone: 212-812-4223 Email: nmuirhead@rbf.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

### Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida  
*Chairman*  
Kenny Marchant, Texas  
*Ranking Member*

Grace Meng, New York  
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania  
Dean Phillips, Minnesota  
Anthony Brown, Maryland

John Ratchiffe, Texas  
George Holding, North Carolina  
Jackie Walorski, Indiana  
Michael Guest, Mississippi



ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

## U.S. House of Representatives

### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Thomas A. Rust  
*Staff Director and Chief Counsel*

David W. Arrojo  
*Counsel to the Chairman*

Christopher A. Donesa  
*Counsel to the Ranking Member*

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6328  
Telephone: (202) 225-7103  
Facsimile: (202) 225-7392

May 22, 2019

Ms. Christina Mahoney  
Office of the Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
2335 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Mahoney:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Kosovo, Albania, Serbia, and Montenegro,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for May 25 to June 1, 2019, sponsored by Atlantic Council of the United States, with financial support from Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

---

<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the last name being the most prominent.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

TED/KM:re



### Balkans Forward Congressional Fellowship

#### Staff Delegation Trip

#### Private Travel Sponsor Certification Form – Additional Pages

**4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited**

**Ms. Mimi Bair**, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH), United States House of Representatives

As a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Steve Stivers, Ms. Bair handles defense, security, and international affairs policy for the Congressman. She is also the lead staff member who is responsible for supporting the Congressman's roles as the co-chairman of both the Caucus on Serbia and the Caucus on North Macedonia. The staff delegation to the Western Balkans and its focus on regional security, political and economic reforms, US engagement in the region, and institution building offer an opportunity for Ms. Bair to deepen her understanding of a variety of foreign policy and security policy issues affecting the region, that are directly relevant to her work for Congressman Stivers. The meetings and exchanges on the Serbia-Kosovo dialogue designed to resolve the long-standing dispute between both countries, will also allow her to develop an up-to-date understanding of recent developments and the prospects for an agreement, that will enhance her work on foreign affairs and the Serbia caucus.

**Ms. Lina Dakheel**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), United States House of Representatives.

Ms. Dakheel serves as senior policy advisor for Congressman Suozzi, covering foreign policy and trade policy in his office and supporting his role on the House Ways and Means Committee. In this position, she helps to develop the Congressman's agenda on international affairs issues and works on Russia, China, global anti-corruption, and illicit financing efforts, which all impact the Western Balkan countries in a variety of ways. The staff delegation to the Western Balkans will cover especially Russian and Chinese influence as well as crime and corruption challenges in the region and will thus offer an opportunity for Ms. Dakheel to deepen her understanding of these issues as they relate specifically to the Western Balkans and US policy there.

**Mr. Kevin Fashiola**, Foreign Policy Fellow, Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-NY), United States House of Representatives

Mr. Fashiola covers foreign relations, armed services, intelligence issues, and international organizations for Congressman Meeks, who serves as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment. The staff delegation visit will not only cover a wide range of issues relevant to Mr. Fashiola's work for Congressman Meeks, including security challenges in the Western Balkans, US policy in the region, influence of Russia, China, and other actors, as well as the prospects for the eventual inclusion of Western Balkan countries in international organizations such as NATO and the European Union. The meetings and interactions with decisionmakers in the region will therefore allow Mr. Fashiola to gain a deeper understanding of these issues, how they impact the Balkans, and how they affect US policy in the region.

**Ms. Gabrielle Gould**, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment, United States House of Representatives

In her role as Staff Director for the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment under Subcommittee Chairman Bill Keating (D-MA), Ms. Gould works on the entire spectrum of issues impacting US relations with Europe. The Western Balkans have strategic importance for Europe and are a focal point for cooperation between the United States and its European Union (EU) allies. The meetings and discussions as part of the staff delegation to the region will allow Ms. Gould to gain a deeper, up-to-date understanding of the issues affecting the Balkan countries, learn about cooperation between the United States and the EU on themes such as regional security, institutional reform and in-region capacity building, the path of Western Balkan countries toward NATO and EU membership, and identify opportunities for constructive US engagement. This will directly contribute in educational value to her work on the Subcommittee.

**Ms. Christina Mahoney**, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II (D-MO), United States House of Representatives

As Legislative Director for Congressman Cleaver, Ms. Mahoney manages the Congressman's legislative team and handles foreign affairs, appropriations and budgets, trade, and national security as well as the Congressman's work on the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy. She also serves as the lead staffer for the Congressman's role as co-chair of the Caucus on Serbia. The focus of the staff delegation on regional security and security challenges in the Balkans, political and economic reform, institution building, and the fight against crime and corruption will directly benefit her deeper understanding of these issues as they relate to US policy toward the region. The meetings and exchanges on the Serbia-Kosovo dialogue designed to resolve the long-standing dispute between both countries, will also allow her to bring back an up-to-date understanding of recent developments and the prospects for an agreement, that will enhance her work on foreign affairs and the Serbia caucus.

**12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:**

**Atlantic Council – Primary Sponsor**

Driven by our mission of “working together to secure the future,” the Atlantic Council promotes constructive leadership and engagement in international affairs based on the Atlantic Community’s central role in meeting global challenges. The Council provides an essential forum for navigating the dramatic economic and political changes defining the twenty-first century in order to adapt, revitalize, and defend the international rules-based order. Through the papers we write, the ideas we generate, and the communities we build, the Council shapes policy choices and strategies to create a more secure and prosperous world.

The Atlantic Council’s Balkans Forward Initiative is a unique, coordinated effort to foster a democratic, secure, and prosperous Western Balkans firmly integrated into the transatlantic community. Our work seeks to reinvigorate US engagement in the region, promote more effective US-European leadership, foster dialogue among key actors across the region, and cultivate a new generation of decision-makers and experts. The Balkans Forward Initiative provides analysis on regional developments, organizes delegations to the region, develops strategy and policy recommendations, and regularly convenes relevant actors and leaders.

The staff delegation visit to the Western Balkans relates directly to both the overall mission of the Atlantic Council and the regional mission of the Balkans Forward Initiative. By building greater awareness and understanding among congressional staff of the challenges and opportunities facing the Western Balkans, the educational purpose of the visit is intended to support informed US policy toward the region. This directly advances and underpins the Atlantic Council’s mission of promoting constructive US engagement and leadership in global affairs. Through dialogue with government officials and civil society representatives in Western Balkan countries on their NATO and European Union membership perspectives, the program will also complement the Council’s focus on Euro-Atlantic cooperation, both at a global and a regional level.

The visit will further the Balkans Forward Initiative’s intentional objective of cultivating new thought leaders on the Balkans by fostering the next generation of experts on Southeastern Europe, which today has become the mainstay of experts and former decision-makers that experienced the wars of the 1990s first-hand. By helping to building up expertise and understanding of key regional issues among a new generation of decision-makers, the staff delegation also helps to lay the groundwork for continued and reinvigorated US engagement in the region in the future.

The Atlantic Council is the sole organizer of the congressional staff delegation visit to the Western Balkans. The Council will identify participants for the staff delegation, request and secure meetings with counterparts in the four countries, and implement all aspects of the visit, including meeting requests and program coordination, planning accommodation and transportation, implementing on-the-ground logistics, preparing briefings, and other details.

## **Rockefeller Brothers Fund – “Grantmaking Sponsor”**

For over 75 years, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund (the Fund) has supported social change that seeks to build a more just, sustainable and peaceful interdependent world. Our long history also informs our future: through cooperation, collaboration, and leveraging our philanthropic resources, we embrace new solutions to problems that threaten our common humanity.

The Fund believes philanthropy has an essential role to play in addressing some of society's largest challenges. Our grantmaking programs are devoted to supporting solutions to climate change, advancing a vital and inclusive democracy, peacebuilding, and supporting a vibrant and inclusive arts community in our home city of New York. In addition, in the pivotal places of China and the Western Balkans, we pursue certain program goals in region-specific contexts.

We are a private, family foundation established in 1940 by the sons of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who sought to pool the power of their giving, and were later joined by their elder sister. Three successive generations of Rockefeller family members have provided exceptional leadership and assured effective governance while also inviting participation from distinguished non-family trustees.

The Fund has been engaged in grantmaking in the Western Balkans since 2001. At that time, in light of the region's long history of instability and the recent conclusion of the Balkan wars of the 1990s, the prospect of a peaceful, democratic, and prosperous Europe hinged, in part, on the Balkans' successful transition to a post-Communist and post-conflict era. During its first years in the Western Balkans, the Fund's grantmaking aimed to nurture healthy democratic processes, support regional initiatives to debunk persistent myths and prejudices, and encourage development of a vibrant civil society. The Fund's work in the Western Balkans, and especially in Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, builds on its 20-year past experience in Central and Eastern Europe, supporting transition processes and helping to create conditions for their accession to the European Union.

The Fund focuses on Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, and Bosnia and Herzegovina to help them complete the process of integration into the EU. The interdependence among the countries, common challenges they face, and the potential they possess together as a subregion of the European Union present a unique opportunity for successful integration. The Fund supports civil society initiatives that advance collaboration and enhance the capacity for sustainable development and enduring peace in the region.

The Fund has made a grant to the Atlantic Council's Balkans Forward Initiative to support its work related to the Western Balkans, with the understanding that parts of that funding may be used to support a Congressional staff visit to the region. The Fund is not involved in any way in organizing, implementing, or directing the staff delegation and did not participate in the selection of members of the delegation. At the end of the grant period in October 2019, the Fund requires the Atlantic Council to provide a grant report about the use of the funds made available through the grant to ensure that the funds have been used in accordance with the terms of the grant.

**15. I represent that: The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation:**

**1. Detail the cost per day of meals**

The Atlantic Council uses the official Federal Government per diem rates as a point of orientation in planning all meals for this staff visit.

For Pristina and Prizren, we will remain well within the \$66 dollar maximum rate per day for meals.

For Tirana, we will remain within the per head maximum meal rate of \$86 per day.

For Belgrade, we expect to remain below the \$89 maximum rate for meals per day.

For Budva, we expect to remain well within the \$81 maximum rate for meals per day in Montenegro.

**2. Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip**

**Pristina**, the capital of the Republic of Kosovo, was selected to allow for meetings with Kosovar government officials and civil society representatives. A decade after its declaration of independence, the Republic of Kosovo confronts challenging barriers to achieving full integration into NATO and the EU: lack of a resolution of the conflict with neighboring Serbia, which impacts not just the two countries but threatens to hold back the wider region; economic and political barriers to prosperity, including youth unemployment, corruption, and institutional weaknesses; the debate over the establishment of a Kosovo army; and technical preparedness for NATO and EU accession processes. The staff delegation will benefit from meetings in Pristina to discuss these challenges. They will learn about reform efforts from Kosovo's government, from civil society actors, as well as perspectives from US and EU diplomatic representatives on the ground.

**Tirana**, the capital of Albania, was selected to allow for meetings with Albanian government officials and civil society representatives. Albania as a full NATO member, but as an EU accession candidate faces unique challenges, including tackling difficult political and economic reforms. Meetings in Tirana will provide the staff delegation valuable insights into the Euro-Atlantic integration processes and its complexity, especially given the current political flux in the country.

**Belgrade**, the capital of Serbia, has been selected to allow for meetings with Serbian government officials and civil society representatives. Serbia maintains complex relations with the United States, the European Union, and its historical ally Russia. The country is also directly involved in a long-lasting dispute with Kosovo and has Serbian minority populations in neighboring countries that impact its regional and international relations. The current government is officially committed to a reform agenda, including a solution to the dispute with Kosovo, but also faces significant opposition at home. Given Belgrade's regional importance, the meetings with Serbian officials and societal actors will not only provide an important counterpart to the earlier dialogue

in Pristina, but also offer new insights for the visiting staffers into US-Serbia relations, the country's progress as an EU candidate, and the role of other foreign actors.

**Budva**, in Montenegro, is the location of the To Be Secure (2BS) Forum, which will take place from May 30 through June 1, 2019. The 9th 2BS Forum is a high-level international conference and a flagship event of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, which each year brings together political leaders, senior government officials, think tank experts, and other thought leaders from across the Western Balkans, Europe, and the United States. As such, the Forum offers many opportunities for bilateral meetings with senior government officials, especially with leaders from those Balkan countries which the group will not visit. Meetings with Montenegro's political leadership but also government representatives from North Macedonia are being requested for the delegation. This year, the conference will focus on the so-called "return of geopolitics" to the region as a result of growing influence of Russia, China, and Turkey; the 70th Anniversary of NATO; and the need for US and European engagement and political investment in a new framework for the Western Balkans. Through its diverse sessions and discussions, the programming at the conference will therefore further advance the educational objectives of the visit to raise awareness and build deeper expertise among the congressional staff participants about regional challenges and opportunities as well as the need for US involvement and transatlantic cooperation in the region.

#### **16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:**

The Atlantic Council uses the official Federal Government per diem rates as a point of orientation in planning all accommodation for this staff visit.

Requests for quotes on group rates are pending for most hotels and are likely to reduce the good faith estimates based on initial research on rates:

**The Hotel Nartel** has been selected for Pristina because of its central location in Kosovo's capital and as one of the few hotels in the city which offers international standards and amenities. The quoted group rate at Hotel Nartel is \$78 including breakfast.

**The Plaza** has been selected for Tirana because of its central location, allowing easy access to government ministries for meetings. It is one of the few hotels with international standards in Tirana. The estimated rate at the Plaza is \$160.

**The Metropol Palace** has been selected for its central location in Belgrade, which allows easy access to meetings at government ministries and cuts down on local transportation needs. The estimated rate at the Metropole Palace is \$140.

**The Hotel Splendid** has been selected because it is the main conference hotel of the To Be Secure Forum and the main site of the conference. Staying at the Hotel Splendid will eliminate the need for ground transportation for the group and allow easy access to the conference and bilateral

meetings. There is also only a very limited number of hotels with international standards in Budva. The estimated rate at the Hotel Splendid is \$180.

**Balkans Forward Congressional  
Fellowship Trip to Pristina, Tirana,  
Belgrade, and Budva**

May 25 – June 1, 2019

Follow us @ACFutureEurope

Join the conversation using #BalkansForward

**Final Agenda**

**Saturday, May 25**

5:35 p.m.                      **Flight departure to Pristina (via Vienna)**  
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location:                      Washington Dulles International Airport  
Flight number:                OS 94  
Airline:                        Austrian Airlines

**Sunday, May 26**

8:40 a.m.                      **Arrive Vienna International Airport (VIE)**  
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

10:10 a.m.                      **Depart VIE for Pristina**  
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location:                      Vienna International Airport  
Flight number:                OS 777  
Airline:                        Austrian Airlines

11:30 a.m.                      **Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)**  
(Lina Dakheel)

Location:                      Heathrow Airport  
Flight number:                LH 905  
Airline:                        Lufthansa

11:40 a.m.                      **Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari**  
(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

**Meet Jörn Fleck and Damir Marusic at arrivals**

## Sunday, May 26 – continued

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel check-in

**Hotel Nartel**

Kalabria Bll B2 Llam B

Pristina, Kosovo

Telephone: +38338558855

Web site: <http://www.hotelnartel.com/en/Home>

1:30 p.m.

### **Welcome Lunch – Logistics Brief**

Location: Hotel Nartel

Briefers: Damir Marusic, Jörn Fleck

Downtime

2:00 p.m.

Arrive Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)  
(Lina Dakheel)

3:30 p.m.

Depart FRA for Pristina  
(Lina Dakheel)

Location: Frankfurt am Main Airport

Flight number: LH 6916

Airline: Lufthansa

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Country briefing with The Hon. Philip S. Kosnett, Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Kosovo**

Location: Hotel Nartel

5:40 p.m.

Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari  
(Lina Dakheel)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo**

Location: Hotel Nartel

Briefer: Damon Wilson

7:45 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **Program briefing over dinner**

Location: Tiffany's Restaurant

Kalabria, Pristina 10000 Kosovo

Transfer to Hotel

Programing Ends

## Monday, May 27

- 7:15 a.m.                      **Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)**  
(Gabrielle Gould)  
Location:                      Berlin Tegel Airport  
Flight number:                LH 45  
Airline:                        Lufthansa
- 8:25 a.m.                      **Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)**  
(Gabrielle Gould)
- 8:30 a.m.                      **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.        **H.E. Hashim Thaçi, *President of the Republic of Kosovo***  
  
Location:                      Presidential Palace  
                                      Office of the President of Kosovo  
                                      Assembly Building "Mother Theresa" Square  
                                      10 000 Pristina
- 9:30 a.m.                      **Depart FRA for Pristina**  
(Gabrielle Gould)  
  
Location:                      Frankfurt am Main Airport  
Flight number:                LH 6916  
Airline:                        Lufthansa
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.       **H.E Kadri Veseli, *Chairman of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo***  
  
Location:                      Assembly of Kosovo  
                                      Government Building , "Mother Teresa" Square  
                                      10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **H.E. Ramush Haradinaj, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo***  
  
Location:                      Office of the Prime Minister  
                                      Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square  
                                      10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo
- 11:45 a.m.                      **\*Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure\***
- 11:40 a.m.                      **Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari**  
(Gabrielle Gould)

## Monday, May 27 – continued

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **KFOR Briefing – Alexander Avlos Aalmo**, *Chief Political Advisor, KFOR Headquarters*

Location: Private Room, Hotel Nartel

**\*Depart hotel with luggage for EU Delegation meeting\***

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **H.E. Nataliya Apostolova**, *EU Special Representative to the Republic of Kosovo*

Location: European Union Office in Kosovo  
Kosova Street 1,  
Pristina 10000  
Republic of Kosovo

3:30 p.m. Depart Pristina for Tirana by bus

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Travel Debrief from Kosovo/ Briefing on Albania while in transit**

8:15 p.m. Arrive at Tirana

Hotel check-in

The Plaza  
Rruga 28 Nentori, 1001  
Tirana, Albania  
Telephone: +355 (0) 422 112 21  
Web site: <https://www.plazatirana.com/>

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Working dinner with Mr. Erion Veliaj**, *Mayor of Tirana, Republic of Albania*

Key Participants:

**Leyla Moses-Ones**, *Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy to Albania*

**Arbjan Mazniku**, *Deputy Mayor, City of Tirana, Albania*

Location: The Plaza, Restaurant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Programing Ends

## Tuesday, May 28

- 7:15 a.m.                    **Flight departure to Tirana (via Rome)**  
(Mimi Bair)
- Location:            Leonardo da Vinci International Airport  
Flight number:    AZ 619  
Airline:             Alitalia
- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.    **Country Briefing with Leyla Moses-Ones, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy to Albania and US Embassy team.**
- Location:            The Plaza Hotel, Private Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 8:15 a.m.                    **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings**
- 8:25 a.m.                    **Arrive Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO)**  
(Mimi Bair)
- 8:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.    **H.E. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania**
- Location:            Presidential Palace  
Rruga e Elbasanit,  
Tirana 1044, Albania
- 9:25 a.m.                    **Depart FCO for Tirana**  
(Mimi Bair)
- Location:            Leonardo da Vinci International Airport  
Flight number:    AZ 582  
Airline:             Alitalia
- 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.   **H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania**
- Location:            Office of the Prime Minister  
Blv. Dëshmorët e Kombit 1  
Tirana, Albania
- 10:50 a.m.                    **Arrive Tirana International Airport**  
(Mimi Bair)
- Transfer to Hotel
- 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.   **H.E. Gramoz Ruçi, President of the Parliament of the Republic Albania**
- Location:            Parliament of the Republic of Albania  
Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Nr.4  
Tirana, Albania

## Tuesday, May 28 – continued

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.    **Lunch Discussion with Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Albania**

Key Participants:

**Dr. Mimi Kodheli**, *Chairwoman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament of Albania*

**Rudina Hajdari**, *Member of Parliament*

**Taulant Balla**, *Member of Parliament*

**Ditmir Bushati**, *Member of Parliament*

**Ervin Bushati**, *Member of Parliament and Chairman, Albanian Parliamentary Delegation to the OSCE*

Location:            Sky Tower Tirana  
                          Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.    **American Chamber of Commerce Albania**

**Mr. Enio Jaço**, *President, AmCham Albania*

**Mr. Reshard Kellici**, *Secretary of the Board*

**Mr. Dael Dervishi**, *Member of the Board*

**Mrs. Eni Xheko**, *Member of the Board*

**Mr. Ilir Trimi**, *Executive Director, AmCham Albania*

Location:            Sky Tower Tirana  
                          Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.    **Meetings with Albanian opposition party representatives, including:**

Key Participants:

**Lulzim Basha**, *Chair, Democratic Party (DP)*

**Fatmir Mediu**, *Chair, Republican Party*

**Klajda Gjoshaj**, *Deputy Chair, Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)*

Location:            Democratic Party Headquarters

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.    **Roundtable with U.S. Embassy Albanian Youth Council facilitated by Lucija Straley**

Location:            American Corner in the National Library

Walk to The Plaza

## Tuesday, May 28 – continued

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.      **Roundtable Discussion with Albanian Think Tank Representatives and Policy Experts on regional issues and cooperation in the Western Balkans**

**Participants:**

**Odeta Barbullushi**, *Adviser to the PM/Scholar*  
**Remzi Lani**, *Albanian Media Institute (ISHM)*  
**Sotirag Hroni**, *Institute for Democracy and Mediation*  
**Gjergj Vrumo**, *Institute for Democracy and Mediation*  
**Albert Rakipi**, *Albania Institute for International Studies*  
**Alba Cela**, *Albania Institute for International Studies*  
**Fatjona Mejdini**, *Journalist*  
**Ebi Spahiu**, *Embassy of The Netherlands*  
**Krisela Hackaj**, *Center for International Development*  
**Epidamn Zeqo**, *independent researcher*  
**Megi Llubani**, *OSCE security expert*

Location:      Private Room, The Plaza

7:30 p.m.      Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      **Albania Debrief/ Takeaways Discussion over Dinner**

Location:      Restaurant Mullixhiu

Programing Ends

## Wednesday, May 29

2:30 a.m.      **\*Meet in hotel lobby with luggage for transfer to the airport\***

Check out and Transfer to Tirana Airport

4:30 a.m.      **Depart Tirana for Belgrade**

Location:      Tirana International Airport  
Flight number:      JU 217  
Airline:      Air Serbia

5:45 a.m.      **Arrive at Belgrade Airport**

Transfer to Hotel

## Wednesday, May 29 – continued

6:45 a.m.

### Early Check in

#### Metropol Palace

Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000

Belgrade

Telephone: +381 11 3333100

Web site: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/beglc-metropol-palace-a-luxury-collection-hotel-belgrade/>

### Downtime

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Country Briefing with The Hon. Kyle Randolph Scott**, *Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Serbia*

Location: Elytis Lounge, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Metropol Palace

Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Dr. Tanja Mišćević**, *Head of the Negotiating Team for the Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union*

Location: Government Building  
4th Floor, Room 155  
11 Nemanjina St  
Belgrade, Serbia

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **H.E. Ana Brnabić**, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*

Location: Nemanjina 11  
Belgrade, Serbia

### Other Meeting Participants:

**Djordje Milosević**, *Foreign Policy Adviser*

**Mladen Bašić**, *Media Adviser*

**Ana Ilić**, *Advisor for digital and creative industries*

**Nenad Paunović**, *Advisor for IT and entrepreneurship*

**Bojana Simeunović**, *Advisor for science*

**Ms. Tamara Bosilj**, *Member of PM's office*

**Mr. Stefan Badža**, *Member of PM's office*

**Mr. Vukašin Grozdić**, *Member of PM's office*

## Wednesday, May 29 – continued

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **H.E. Nebojša Stefanović**, *Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia*

Location: 2 Mihajla Pupina Boulevard  
Belgrade, Serbia

Transfer

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Meeting with Serbian Opposition Representatives**

**Mr. Damjan Krnjevic Miskovic**, *Advisor to 2017 presidential candidate and President of the People's Party, Vuk Jeremic*

**LtGen(ret.) Zdravko Ponos**, *Vice-President of People's Party and former Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces*

Location: CIRSD  
bulevar Oslobođenja 177  
Belgrade, Serbia

Transfer to hotel

6:15 p.m. **Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Serbia Debrief over working dinner**

Location: Manufaktura Restaurant Belgrade  
Kralja Petra 13, Beograd 11000, Serbia

Programing Ends

## Thursday, May 30

7:30 a.m. **Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **H.E. Aleksandar Vučić**, *President of the Republic of Serbia*

Location: Presidential Palace of Serbia  
Andrićev venac 1,  
11000 Belgrade, Serbia

## Thursday, May 30 – continued

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Briefing on Crime and Corruption in Serbia/ Balkans**

**Bojana Jovanović**, *Deputy Editor in Chief, KRIK, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project*

**Jelena Vasić**, *Project Manager and Investigative Reporter, KRIK, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project*

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade  
92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica  
11040 Belgrade, Serbia

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Roundtable with Civil Society Representatives**

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade  
92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica  
11040 Belgrade, Serbia

**\*Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure\***

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Briefing over light lunch with H.E. Sem Fabrizi**, *EU Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia*

Location: Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia  
Vladimira Popovica St. 40, 5th floor  
(GTC Avenue building, block 19a)  
11070 New Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

Transfer to Digital Serbia Initiative

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **Meeting with Digital Serbia Initiative**

Location: Spanskih Boraca 3 Street, 3rd floor  
Novi Beograd (Microsoft Development Centre Serbia)

4:30 p.m. **Transfer to airport**

6:35 p.m. **Depart Belgrade for Tivat**

Location: Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport  
Flight number: YM 203  
Airline: Montenegro Airlines

## Thursday, May 30 – continued

7:20 p.m. Arrive at Tivat Airport

Transfer to Hotel

**Hotel Splendid**

Becici bb, 85310,

Budva, Montenegro

Telephone: +382 33 773 777

Web site: <https://montenegrostars.com/home-splendid>

Hotel Check in

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Country Briefing over dinner with The Hon. Judy Rising Reinke, Ambassador of the United States to Montenegro and US Embassy Team**

Location: Restaurant, Hotel Splendid

10:00 p.m. Programming Ends

## Friday, May 31

9:45 a.m. Meet in Lobby for Opening of To Be Secure Forum

10:00 a.m. **Official Opening 2BS (to be secure) forum**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Panel 1: “Western Balkans: Gremlins of the Past and Fairy Tales of the Future”**

**Speakers:**

**Milo Đukanović**, *President, Montenegro*

**Ali Aslan**, *Tv Presenter & Journalist, Germany*

**Marina Pendeš**, *Minister, Ministry Of Defense, Bosnia And Herzegovina*

**Thomas Silberhorn**, *Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry Of Defense*

**Germany Péter Sztáray**, *State Secretary For Security Policy, Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Trade, Hungary*

**Igor Lukšić**, *Former Prime Minister And Minister Of Foreign Affairs And Director Of See, Pwc, Montenegro*

**Damon Wilson**, *Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council, USA*

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

## Friday May 31 – continued

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Panel 2: “Security Reimagined: The Ironclad Commitment to The Transatlantic Alliance put to test”**

**Speakers:**

**Srdan Darmanović, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro**

**Steven Erlanger**, *Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in Europe, The New York Times*

**David Konecký**, *Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic*

**Bruno Lété**, *Senior Fellow, Security and Defense, GMFUS*

**Robert Pszczel**, *Senior Officer for Russia and the Western Balkans, Nato Pdd*

**Stefano Stefanini**, *Brussels Director, Project Associates*

**Judy Ansley**, *Senior Advisor, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council, USA*

**Location:** Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Staff Delegation Debrief over lunch with Damon Wilson, Judy Ansley, and Damir Marusic**

**Location:** Restaurant Villa, Budva

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Panel: “Three Shades of Red: Russia, China and Turkey – Changing Global Power Dynamics?”**

**Speakers:**

**Bobo Lo**, *Independent Analyst and Associate Research Fellow, Russia/Nis Center, Ifri*

**Theresa Fallon**, *Founder and Director, Centre For Russia Europe Asia Studies, Belgium*

**Pinar Akpınar**, *Scholar, Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream, Istanbul Policy Center, Turkey*

**Vadym Chernysh**, *Minister, Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons, Ukraine*

**Paul Bolt**, *Professor of Political Science, Us Air Force Academy, USA*

**Location:** Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

6:45 p.m. Meet in the lobby for transfer to Farewell Dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **To Be Secure Main Dinner**

8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. **Bilateral Meeting with H.E. Srdan Darmanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro**

9:45 p.m. **Programming Ends**

## Saturday, June 1

- 7:00 a.m.                    **Check out and Transfer to Podgorica Airport**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- 8:00 a.m.                    **Check out and Transfer to Tivat Airport**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
- 8:15 a.m.                    **Arrive at Podgorica Airport**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- 8:30 a.m.                    **Arrive at Tivat Airport**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
- 9:45 a.m.                    **Depart Podgorica for Istanbul (IST)**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- Location:            Podgorica Airport  
                                    Flight number:    TK 1086  
                                    Airline:           Turkish Airlines
- 10:05 a.m.                   **Depart Tivat for Munich (MUC)**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
- Location:           Tivat Airport  
                                    Flight number:    LH 1733  
                                    Airline:           Lufthansa
- 11:50 a.m.                   **Arrive Munich Airport (MUC)**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
- 12:30 p.m.                   **Arrive Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST)**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- 2:55 p.m.                    **Depart Istanbul for Washington, D.C (IAD)**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- Location:           Istanbul Ataturk Airport  
                                    Flight number:    TK 7  
                                    Airline:           Turkish Airlines
- 4:25 p.m.                    **Depart Munich for Washington, D.C. (IAD)**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)
- Location:           Munich International Airport  
                                    Flight number:    LH 414  
                                    Airline:           Lufthansa
- 7:25 p.m.                    **Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**  
(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
- 7:30 p.m.                    **Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**  
(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)